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1. EMBOFF ASKED GOB ASST. UNDER SECRETARY FOR OIL AND INDUSTRY, SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA, ABOUT STATUS OF ONCE-PUBLICLY-DISCUSSED KUWAITI/SAUDI/BAHRAINI JOINT NUCLEAR ENERGY PROJECT (REF B). KHALIFA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BASIC AGREEMENT STILL STANDS, THAT IT WILL ESSENTIALLY BE A KUWAIT/SAUDI AGREEMENT ON WHICH "BAHRAIN HOPES TO RIDE". HIS MINISTER HOPED TO RAISE ISSUE WITH GOK MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER AL-GHANIM DURING HIS VISIT TO BAHRAIN (REF A).

2. KHALIFA SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA WERE NOT NOW ACTIVELY PURSUING NUCLEAR COOPERATION, "PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THEIR CURRENT TENSIONS OVER CRUDE PRICING", BUT THAT BAHRAIN HOPED AND THOUGHT THAT THE TWO NEIGHBORS WOULD AGAIN BE DISCUSSING THE PROJECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD SO INFORM AL-GHANIM. KHALIFA NOTED THAT PLANT "WOULD HAVE TO BE LOCATED IN EASTERN PROVINCE" (REF B).

3. NEXT TIME WE TALK WITH HIM, WE WILL TRY TO DISCOVER WHAT, IF ANYTHING, TRANSPIRED BETWEEN AL-GHANIM AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIES SHIRAWI.

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